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PACKAGE DEAL

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SUMMARY: 1976 JAPAN-USSR FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH BEGAN
MARCH 15 IN MOSCOW, CONCLUDED APRIL 29 IN PACKAGE DEAL. TWO SIDES
AGREED ON: (1) SALMON QUOTA OF 80,000 METRIC TONS (MT)
FOR JAPAN (REDUCTION OF 3,000 MT FROM 1974 LEVEL) AND 5,000
MT FOR USSR (UP FROM 3,000 MT IN 1974); (2) JAPANESE CATCH OF
RED SALMON BY MOTHERSHIP-TYPE OPERATION IN ZONE A TO BE
REDUCED BY 44 PERCENT FROM 5.4 MILLION FISH IN 1975 TO 3
MILLION FISH IN 1976; (3) CATCHES OF FEEDING HERRING IN
OKHOTSK SEA BOTH BY JAPAN AND USSR TO BE REDUCED BY 50 PERCENT
FROM 1975 LEVEL;
(4) JAPANESE RESEARCH VESSELS FISHING FOR MATURE HERRING TO BE
REDUCED FROM THIRTEEN TO SIX VESSELS, AND (5) JAPANESE QUOTA
FOR EAST SAKHALIN BLUE KING CRAB (ABURA-GANI) TO BE REDUCED BY
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50 PERCENT FROM 1975 LEVEL. TOTAL JAPANESE QUOTA FOR CRABS IN

1976 REPRESENTS A REDUCTION OF 14 PERCENT FROM 1975. IT IS REPORTED THAT AGREEMENTS ON CRAB AND SNAIL FISHING WILL BE INITIATED APRIL 30 AND ON SALMON FISHING EARLY MAY ALL IN MOSCOW. END SUMMARY.

1. APRIL 30 "ASAHI SHIMBUN" AND "NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN" PROVIDE FOLLOWING DETAILS OF 1976 JAPAN-USSR FISHERIES AGREEMENT REACHED APRIL 29 IN MOSCOW. FISHERIES AGENCY HAS CONFIRMED ACCURACY THESE REPORTS.

A. SALMON:

1. HIGH SEAS QUOTA:
80,000 METRIC TONS FOR JAPAN (83,000 HTONS IN 1974)
5,000 METRIC TONS FOR USSR (3,000 TONS IN 1974).

2. CLOSED AREAS:

(1) ZONE A

A. CENTRAL AREAS OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN:

A-1. CLOSED FROM MAY 15 THROUGH JUNE 30 IN AREA BETWEEN 46 DEGREES NORTH AND 53 DEGREES 50 MINUTES NORTH AND BETWEEN 160 DEGREES EAST AND 164 DEGREES EAST. (FIVE DAYS LONGER THAN IN 1975).

A-2. LIMITED TO THREE MOTHERSHIP FLEETS FROM MAY 15 THROUGH JUNE 25 IN AREA BETWEEN 46 DEGREES NORTH AND 53 DEGREES 50 MINUTES NORTH AND BETWEEN 164 DEGREES EAST AND 168 DEGREES EAST. (FIVE DAYS LONGER THAN IN 1975).

B. SOUTH OF ANADYR:

CLOSED FROM JULY 1 TO THE END OF FISHING SEASON IN AREA BETWEEN 60 DEGREES NORTH AND 62 DEGREES NORTH AND BETWEEN 60 DEGREES NORTH AND 62 DEGREES NORTH AND BETWEEN 175 DEGREES EAST AND 180 DEGREES EAST (SAME AS 1975).

(2) ZONE B

A. CENTRAL AREA OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN:

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LIMITED TO 150 FISHING VESSELS FROM APRIL 30 THROUGH MAY 30 IN AREA BETWEEN 42 DEGREES NORTH AND 45 DEGREES NORTH AND BETWEEN 160 DEGREES EAST AND 164 DEGREES EAST (SAME AS 1975).

B. SOUTH OF THE KURILES;

LIMITED TO 100 FISHING VESSELS FROM APRIL 30 THROUGH MAY 30 IN AREA BETWEEN 45 DEGREES NORTH

AND NORTHERN BORDER OF ZONE B AND BETWEEN 150
DEGREES EAST AND 154 DEGREES EAST (SAME AS 1975).

C. JAPAN SEA:

CLOSED FROM MAY10 TO THE END OF FISHING SEASON
IN AREA OFF NAKHODKA BETWEEN 42 DEGREES 26
MINUTES NORTH AND 45 DEGREES NORTH (SAME AS IN
1975).

3. RED SALMON FISHING RESTRICTIONS:

CATCH OF RED SALMON IN ZONE A SHOULD BE LESS THAN 3 MILLION
FISH (QUOTA SET AT LESS THAN 5.4 MILLION FISH IN 1975).

B. HERRING:

1. OKHOTSK SEA:

JAPANESE CATCH OF FEEDING HERRING TO BE REDUCED BY 50
PERCENT FROM 1975 (44,300 TONS IN 1975). USSR CATCH OF
FEEDING HERRING ALSO TO BE REDUCED BY 50 PERCENT FROM 1975
(266,000 TONS IN 1975).

2. NUMBER OF JAPANESE MATURE HERRING FISHING VESSELS FOR
RESEARCH PURPOSE WILL BE REDUCED AS FOLLOWS:

2-1. KORFO-KRAGINSKII AREA

ONE VESSEL (THREE VESSELS IN 1975).

2-2. GIZHIGA-KAMCHATKA AREA

ONE VESSEL (THREE VESSELS IN 1975).

2-3. OKHOTSK SEA

FOUR VESSELS (SEVEN VESSELS IN 1975).

2. ACCORDING TO ABOVE NEWSPAPER SOURCES, AGREEMENTS REACHED ON
1976 CRAB AND SNAIL FISHING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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NUMBER OF JAPANESE VESSELS JAPANESE QUOTA
 (1,000 CRABS)

A. AREA/SPECIES 1975 1976 1975 1976

CRABS:

WEST KAMCHATKA

BROWN KING CRAB

(IBARAGANI) 2 MOTHERSHIPS 2 MOTHERSHIPS 900 765

WITH 6 CATCHERS PLUS

PLUS 4 8 CATCHERS

INDEPENDENT

VESSELS

WESTERN BERING SEA

TANNER CRAB, NAVARIN) 6,000 4,500

) 32 31

TANNER CRAB, OLYUTOL) 970 825

EAST SAKHALIN

BLUE KING CRAB 3 2 210 105

(ABURAGANI)

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TANNER CRAB 35 30 10,300 8,100

NIJO IWA

KOREAN HAIR CRAB 14 14 1,640 1,640

KUNASHIRI, ETOROFU, HABOMAI, & SHIKOTAN ISLANDS

KING CRAB 600 600

KOREAN HAIR CRAB 37 37 1,300 1,300

"HANASAKIGANI" CRAB) 910 910

NUMBER OF JAPANESE VESSELS JAPANESE QUOTA
 (METRIC TONS)

B. AREA/SPECIES 1975 1976 1975 1976

SNAILS:

EAST SAKHALIN 15 15 1,500 1,500

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NORTHERN OKHOTSK SEA 22 22 1,125 1,125
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3. IN REACHING ABOVE AGREEMENTS, USSR WITHDREW INITIAL PROPOSALS FOR (1)REDUCTION OF NUMBER OF MOTHERSHIPS IN ZONE A, (2) ENTRY OF SOVIET PATROLBOATS IN TO ZONE B, (3) TOTAL BAN ON EAST SAKHALIN BLUE KING CRAB FISHING, (4) TOTAL BAN ON OLYUTOL TANNER CRAB FISHING, (5) TIME AND AREA REDUCTION FOR WEST KAMCHATKA BROWN KING CRAB FISHING AND (6) TOTAL BAN ON TRAWL FISHING IN THE CRAB AND SNAIL FISHING AREAS. POLLACK QUOTA WAS NOT RAISED.

4. JAPANESE REACTION: AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY MINISTER SHINTARO ABE QUOTED AS SAYING, "ALTHOUGH JAPAN IS DISSATISFIED WITH OUTCOME ON HERRING, HISTORICAL CATCHES IN THE NORTHWEST PACIFIC OCEAN WERE SUBSTANTIALLY ASSURED. ABE ADDED THAT THE CHANGING INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT REFLECTED BY THE CURRENT LOS CONFERENCE AND IN U.S.'S 200-MILE EXCLUSIVE FISHING ZONE, WAS AN INFLUENCE ON THE JAPAN-USSR FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS.
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